

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IDENTIFICATION OF GENES ASSOCIATED

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 15, 2000, said period of response being extended from February 15, 2001 to March 15, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

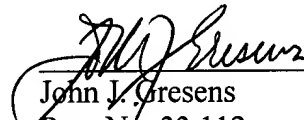
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